

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF GAS BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fifty percent of the existing natural gas based power industries/projects with capacity to generate 1276 MW power in Andhra Pradesh are lying idle due to non-supply of gas by Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), besides 1500 MW capacity new gas based power projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has made repeated requests to the Union Government for release/supply of gas by GAIL to these and other industries; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government for supply of assured amount of gas to Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Against a total allocation of around 16.42 Million Standard Cubic Metre per Day (MMSCMD) in KG basin, the total availability during 2006-07 was only around 6.04 MMSCMD. Due to the low overall availability of natural gas, only 3.88 MMSCMD could be supplied in 2006-07 to gas-based power projects in Andhra Pradesh, against a firm allotment of 5.19 MMSCMD.

Due to lesser availability of gas from ONGC fields in KG basin and based on request from Government of Andhra Pradesh, gas is currently being supplied only to existing power plants.

Allocations to gas-based power plants have been made subject to them necessarily building dual fuel capabilities. So these power plants are not dependent on natural gas alone.

(c) & (d): The state Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to augment the gas supply for power projects.

The low supply of gas is because of limited production of natural gas in the area and lack of connectivity of this grid to any other production centre/R-LNG terminal.

The gas production from existing fields of ONGC in the State of Andhra Pradesh, viz., Rajahmundry asset, has increased by 0.57 MMSCMD. However, due to natural decline of production from wells of other existing fields, there has been no incremental addition. The gas from G-1/ GS-15 project of ONGC is likely to be available from mid 2008.

With recent discoveries of gas made in the KG basin offshore fields, it is expected that the overall gas availability in East Coast would increase.